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IMPROVEMENT OF ALKALINE SOIL
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed and success achieved under Reclamation of Alkali Soil (RAS) and Watershed Development Project in Shifting Cultivation Areas (WDPSCA) schemes for improving alkaline soil during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the funds allocated, released and utilized under the said schemes during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether any special provision for the tribal areas have been made under these schemes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) to (d): Government of India is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Programme for Reclamation of Alkali Soils (RAS) through Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA) for the reclamation of the soils affected by alkalinity. The fund allocated under this scheme is included in the overall release of funds under Macro Management of Agriculture. The State- wise target, achievement and expenditure for last three years (2004-07) are annexed.

Government of India is also implementing a Central Sector State Plan Scheme of Watershed Development Project in Shifting Cultivation Areas (WDPSCA) for development of the degraded shifting cultivation areas in the North Eastern States of the country which predominantly have tribal population. The State-wise target, achievement, outlay, release and expenditure for last three years (2004-07) are annexed.